# COLUMBIA TRACK CLUB NEWSLETTER Vol. VIII, No. 10 October 1, 1976

AUGIE HIRT WINS 100 MILE WALK, SIX OTHERS FINISH September 25 & 26, 1976:

The tenth annual National 100 Mile Walk turned out to be the best from the standpoint of the quality of the field and from the standpoint of the number of finishers. However, it was one of the worst from the standpoint of the weather. Temperature was in the 60's or so throughput the proceedings, which was fine—at least it was cook, no heat, which can be devastating. But it rained. Too much. The first showers began shortly after the 1:00 PM start on Saturday and it rained intermittenly until shortly before sunrise on Sunday. The worst part of the rain came between 3 & 4 AM, leaving large pools of water all over the track, especially on the backstretch, where there was no way to avoid sloshing through 2 inches of water until finally it was swept off.

So much for the weather. There were 7 finishers this year led by Augie Hirt in 19:55:16, only the 4th time in less than 20 hours. In 1975 there were 5 finishers and 4 last year. This year saw 13 walkers under 11 hours for 50 miles, last year there were 11. Two walkers became initiates into the Centurion Club of America--AUGIE HIRT AND JACK BLACKBURN. There are now 16 centurions of the modern era---walkers who have walked 100 miles inless than 24 hours. Ten of them, besides Hirt and Blackburn, were on hand for this go round and Larry Moung made a token appearance, having just arrived from Sweden and points between. Augie, of course, is well-known as America's #2 walker at 50 kilo. He too, had made the trip to Sweden, but he was home on Friday about noon. Blackburn is a psychologist and has been in race-walking circles for some 20 years. This was his first go at the hundred after several years of threatening to come. Jack had exceptionally strong support from home, 7 members of his family having made the trip with him. Jack's last 30 miles or so were a real struggle with a sciatica problem giving him the most trouble. His wife, Joyce, got a preview of what Jack will look like when he is 80 years old. But he made it!

ALBERT VAN DYKE, as is his wont, took the early lead--a 2:14 first 440 which put him 100 yards up on everybody else. Albert had 9:48 for the first mile, but CHUCK HUNTER took over on the 6th lap. Chuck went hard early on, because he felt he had too much left over after last years race. In fact, Hunter's 4:26:13 at 25 miles was the fastest ever including Larry Young's record performance of 1971 when Larry was 4:33:00 at 25. Hunter did not fall behind Young's record pace until shortly before 40 miles where Larry was 7:13:00 against Chuck's 7:14:37. Augie Hirt was never more than 3/4 mile behind Hunter and in the 49th mile Augie took the lead. However, Hunter wanted a PB for 50 miles, so he sped by Augie to be the leader at 50. Shortly thereafter Augie regained the lead and held it to the finish. Augie became very depressed at about 60 miles and wanted very badly to get off that track-but Hunter was right on his tail. Going into this, Augie's idea was to try to complete the distance, since there were no major races coming up. In all of his previous 100 mile efforts, Augie wanted nothing more than a long workout. For instance, last year, his objective was to set an American record for 50 miles and 100 kilo and to win the Senior National AAU 100 Kilo Championship and all of this he did.

Hunter never fell more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles behind Hirt and over the last 5 miles he closed to within 3/4 mile, but then ran out of time. This was the closest finish ever. Someone figured that had this been a one mile horse race the margin of victory would have been two horse lengths—or in a mile race, human variety, a 13 yard margin.

Hunter had a PB by almost 21 minutes. He now has 4 consecutive finishes (2nd, 2nd, 1st & 2nd). He and John Argo are the only ones who have finished every 100 mile race they have started, other than Blackburn's one. Hunter averaged 100 miles a week of long distance walking over the past year in preparation for this event. He probably handles the 100 mile distance as well as anyone, considering recovery time and immediate after effects.

LEONARD BUSEN has a PB by 50 minutes, no long rest periods this time. Up to 50 miles Leonard was ranging close to 10th place, but he gradually began moving up, getting Spier for 4th shortly after 75 miles and overhauling Blackburn at about 92 miles.

ROB SPIER had the added pressure of having to perform well in light of Dick Hessler's article which appeared in RUNNER's WORLD a week or so before the race. Rob certainly lived up to his billing, proving that his last year's performance was no fluke--but then, how can walking 100 miles in less than 24 hours ever be a fluke?

The results of the informal team competition in the 100 Mile Walk were as follows. There were no awards for this fun sort of thing, but it did create some interest. THE RESULTS:

1.	BUSEN, Hirt & Baker	276 Miles	As can be seen, each
2.	ARGO, Blackburn & Verschoth	220	team had one Centurion.
3.	HUNTER, Laird & Taft	<b>1</b> 98	Each Centurion drew
4.	CLEGG, D. Van Dyke & Duckman	175	names from a hat (actually
5.	GRAGG, Mullnix & Etherton	163녍	a can) and from that
6.	SPIER, Schulte & Bent	156	the teams were made up.
7.	CHAPIN, Pullen & A. Van Dyke	154	Perhaps next year we
8.	O'NEIL, Young & Breitenbucher	150 <del>2</del>	could have some modest
9•	LEUTHOLD, Mimm & R. Chapin	1434	award for the winning
10.	KNOPPE, Reed & Foster	$132\frac{1}{4}$	team. Any ideas?

More notes on the 100 mile walk:

JOHN ARGO returned after a 3 year absence, during which time he had done no competitive walking. Working in the "bush" he thinks does not really prepare him for this race, since it (the logging) actually detracts from his speed.

BOB GRAGG with steady walking got a 2nd consecutive finish--I suppose we will now have competition to see who can get the most consecutive finishes. This will be added incentive for the Centurions to have another go at it. Most of them think, I'm sure, "never again" but within a few days they are already thinking about next year.

WILLIAM TAFT and HENRY BENT (age 75!--just think, Clair Duckman, you were not the oldest competitor) had a deal with fellow Kiwanis Club members where the club members were to contribute \$5.00 for every mile Taft and Bent walked, the money to go to charity. Taft wanted to walk his age--he did that and then some to get 100 kilo.

THANKS to all those who assisted with the timing and with the aid support--again we must point out that without this volunteer help, there would be no 100 mile walk. Especial thanks to CAROLYN LEUTHOLD, she was the ringleader for the aid and to the mediaal unit of the Army Reserve group who were there in 3 6 hour shifts. In fact, CTC was accused of running a massage parlor. There was fear we would be closed down if the word got out. If the word does get out, then the number of 100 mile walk entrants will increase dramatically and there will be more "resting" than walking.

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In that competition in Sweden, a week before the 100 mile walk, CTC had Larry Young and Augie Hirt on the USA team, with Floyd Godwin as the 3rd member. This was the World Championship of the 50 kilometer walk (in lieu of the discarded Olympic 50 kilo walk). Out of 43 walkers Larry finished 21st with 4:16:47 (48:46, 1:37:27, 2:27:35, 3:19:06 10 kilo splits) his 4th best time ever, while Augie was last for a while, but worked his way up to a final 27th with a 2nd PB 4:28:35 (51:10, 1:42:00, 2:36:10, 3:31:45). Winner was Benjamin Soldatenko of the Soviet Union with a quick 3:54:40. Temp was in the 50's. The course was a basically level  $2\frac{1}{2}$  kilo out & back leg.

Larry and Augie got nil publicity for their efforts. One of the oft-repeated statements about dropping the 50 kilo walk from the Olympics was something to the effect that the walkers could still have a World Championship at the 50 kilo distance. That's fine—but it is obvious that such an event goes by pretty much unnoticed. The 50 kilo walkers are like every other athlete—they enjoy their moments in the limelight and the limelight just isn't there like it is in the Olympics.

TENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL 100 MILE WALK SEPT. 25+26, 1976 20,70 25,75 30,80 35,85 40,90 45,95 50,100 5,55 10,60 15,65 5 MILE SPLITS: 4:36:05, 4:50:25 5:27:17 6:21:00 7:15:57 8:15:22 9:10:29 56:52 1:53:07 2:49:30 3:43:10 25 COLUMBIA MO 1 AUGIEHIRT 11:08:07 12:10:20 13:14:57 14:14:23 15:23:32 16:26:30 17:36:29 18:41:30 19:55:16 10:08:14 100 Miles 8:12:42 9:10:20 4:26:13 5:21:19 6:17:35 50:39 1:43:10 2:37:10 3:31:40 7:14:31 2 CHUCK HUNTER LONGMONT, COLO 39 12:16:51 13:20:38 14:27:45 15:30:30 16:39:16 17:55:37 19:00:32 20:05:50 18:10:58 11:12:58 100 Miles 9:23:00 10:22:36 5:00:00 6:08:30 7:12:00 8:13:31 2'57:25 3:58:00 54:06 ST. LOUIS, MO. 1:52:05 3 LEONARD BUSEN 46 19:35:12 20:38:00 21:49:21 16:22:28 17:28:54 18:35:32 11:47:20 12:58:29 14:01:00 15:09:37 100 miles 857:14 9:51:15 6:55:03 7:55:19 5.54:37 2:59:39 3:56:20 4:56:43 1:59:50 1:00:18 SPRINGFLELD,OHIO 4 JACK BLACKBURN 40 15:32:02 16:32:26 18:13:22 19:2832 20:46:30 22:11:57 10:59:13 12:09:19 13:15:19 14:21:29 100 Miles 4:50:30 5:53:30 6:57:20 8:03:51 9:12:26 10:15:02 56:08 ROD SPIER 54 COLUMBIA, MO. 1'53`07| 2'49'40|3'51'45| 16:22:55 17:30:16 18:40:05 20:06:09 21:20:18 22:35:01 11:21:46 12:40:58 13:51:07 15:03:31 100 miles 9:31:14 10:33:02 5:02:331 6:19:40 7:22:13 8:28:30 KANSAS CITY, MO. 3:00:35 4:01:17 1:01:47 2:01:15 6 Bob GRAGG 51 17:41:30 18:50:25 20.08:20 21:16:47 22:32:27 23:37:30 15:10:27 16:20:37 12:27:45 13:35:16 100 Miles 8:40:47 9:46:28 10:56:48 5:21:25 6:27:07 7:33:10 3:11:55 4:16:15 7 JOHN ARGO MATTAWA, ONTARIO 1:02:30 2:04:45 62 19:10:30 20:17:05 21:25:35 22:34:14 23:43:10 17:50:20 14:59:52 16:32:31 2:24:54 13:33:45 100 M: 1es 2:56:35 3:56:10 4:59:30 6:03:55 8:29:30 14:21:37 15:31:12 7:19:05 8 Bob Baker 39 TULSA, OKLA 58:22 1:57:48 <del>20,39,00</del> 21:28:36 23:08:51 76-23:26:14 18:32:10 17:16:02 76 miles 9:25:28 10:31:51 4:59:50 5:59:00 8:19:30 7:03:18 9 CHRIS CLEGG 1:03:03 3:01:45 4:00:35 59 BEVERLY Hills, Calif. 2:02:30 16:42:08 11:39:00 11:52:22 13:09:15 14:18:45 15:29:15 75 Miles 10:04:14 5:57:10 7:03:22 8:02:50 9:03:15 4:56:46 10 LARRY O'NEIL 69 KALISPELLMONT 59:59 1:57:48 2:56:35 3:56:19 12:07:36 (13:37:37) 64 1/2 Miles 11:06:24 8:00:35 9:05:12 10:20:25 4:59:13 5:58:05 6:56:25 4:00:00 II BEN KNOPPE 33 ST. LOUIS, MO, 56:45 1:49:49 3:05:20 13:39:49 (14: 23:45) 12:32:30 63 Miles 6:16:48 10:17:35 11:38:15 13:05:08 18:03:48 19:28:05 4:58:45 COLUMBIA MO. 2:19:25 3:32125 60 1:10:12 12 WILLIAM TAFT 22:20:58 (22:59:29) 20:53:43 100 Kilo 8:25:05 9:50:30 12:55:26 14:06:05 5:30:05 7:14:28 FORDLAND, Ma 53:55 1:55:20 3:08:10 4:16:25 13 ALBERT VAN DYKE 51 (15:30:30) 54 MILES

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A great day for the run, mid 60's, bright sun, little wind, but it got a little warm by the time the walk began--mid 70's. So begins a new season with two old men showing the kids that their exuberance (the kids) will waft away under the onslaught of mature pacing. A few new faces and new CTC members--we hope.

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WESLEY PAUL turned in another remarkable performance on Sept. 18 when he won both the 2 mile and the 5 mile run in the Kirkwood Green Tree races, in the Age 9 & under categories. Wesley had 11:20 in the 2 mile (actually 18) 45 seconds better than 2nd beating 106 Age 9 & under boys, finishing 12th out of 395 boys & girls age 15 & under. 15 minutes later Wesley did 35:51 in the five mile (4.7 or so) to win age 9 & under, finishing 96 out of 202, all ages, both sexes. His Dad, AI LO, was 99th with 36:07. So far as I can tell, Wesley was the only person to do both races. DAVE FOREST was 2nd, kx one second from 1st, age 15 & under in the two mile with 10:28 and would have been 9th out of 147 in the age 16 & over, men & women. REX FRAZER was 3rd, 40-49, 32 overall, in the 5 mile with 30:15 while DAN KACPROWICZ WAS 5th 20-29, 13th overall, with 28:27.

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Below is the entry blank for the three mile cross country tri-meet between the St. Louis TC, CTC and the Illinois Valley Striders. This event proved to be very popular last year when some 25 SLTC members came to Columbia. We would like for every CTC member to make the trip to St. Louis for this event-kids and women included. CTC will pay the entry fee for every member who competes and will help pay for the cost of gas for those who take cars. JOE MARKS is the CTC co-ordinator for this event. You should send your entry blanks WITHOUT MONEY to him at 509 Defoe Dr. Columbia, Mo. 65201. Shortly before the deadline we will then send the forms to Jorny Motesh with a CTC check. Joe will also coordinate the transportation. This enough be a gala affair.

#### THREE MILE TURKEY TROT

Sponsored by St. Louis Track Club, Columbia Track Club, Illinois Valley Striders and the Road Runners Club of America

November 7, 1976 12:00 noon

WHEN

WHERE	Shaw Park, #2 Mark Twain Hwy. 40 take Brentwood B1 Blvd. Turn left on Forsy onto Parkside Blvd. which	Vd. north about th and immediate	1½ miles to	Forsyth
COURSE	Good cross country course	with short cut	grass	
ELIGIBILITY	Open to all runners - Note Illinois Valley Striders, triangular meet between the	this meet will	IC, Columbia also be sco	TC, and red as a
ENTRY FEE	\$2.00 before November 4th	; \$3.00 race day	y and late er	itries i
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	turkeys or other fowl to at least top 5 finishers in each age group	at 16	eys or other east top 3 fi ach age group	inishers
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SCHEDULE	OF EVE	CNTS
OCTOBER	.9	Saturday 9:00 AM 2 Mile Cross Country Run Municipal Golf Course
	9	" 2:00 PM RRCA 10,000 Meters Cross Country Championship Forest Park St. Louis
	16	" 11:00 AM 5 Mile Cross Country Run Gustin Golf Course
	17	Sunday 8:00 AM Tri-States Marathon Falls City, Nebr
·	23	Saturday 10:00 AM MVAAU, National AAU Masters & Class B & Open 30 Kilo Walk Leawood Subdivision
	30 ·	Saturday 9:00 AM 2 Mile Cross Country Run Gustin Gdf Course
NOVEMBER	6	" 10:00AM National AAU Masters, Class B and Open 50 Kilo Walk Hickman Track
	7	Sunday Three Mile Cross Country Turkey Trot 12:00 Noon A tri-meet between St. Louis TC, CTC & Illinois Valley Striders Shaw Park St. Louis This should be a BIG event for ALL CTC members and their families.
	13	Saturday 9:00 AM 20 Kilo Run, 20 Kilo Walk Hilton Inn Course

Joe Duncan 4004 Defoe Dr. Columbia, Mo. 65201

### MISSOURI VALLEY AAU 10,000 METER RUN ENTRY BLANK

TIME:	Saturday sections	, November 27, 1976 , fastest section f	, 9:00 a.m.,at : irst.	least three
PLACE:	Track is	, Missouri, Hickman on the southeast c ice Road, one block I-70.	orner of Busines	ss Loop 70 and
ENTRY FEE:	try to h	Post entries will b ave your entries in to Columbia Track C	by November 25.	ever, PLEASE . Make checks
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MVAAU RECORD:	32:03	Ken Bell; Winfield	. Kaneas Novemi	nem 25 1072
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## 1976 ENTRY BLANK MISSOURI VALLEY AAU, RRCA NORTH REGION AND OPEN 30 KILO RUN

TIME:	Saturday, December 4, 1976, 11:00 a.m.						
PLACE:	Hilton Inn, Columbia, Missouri. Hilton Inn is located at the southwest corner of I-70 and Stadium Boulevard.						
THE COURSE:	An AAU Certified 5,000 meter road course. The race will be back and forth on this course; asphalt and concrete, moderate hills.						
ENTRY FEE:	\$1.00. Post entries will be accepted, however please have your entries in by December 2, if at all possible. Make checks payable to Columbia Track Club.						
AWARDS:	Trophies to first 6 finishers, certificates to all finishers, MVAAU medals to first 3 MVAAU finishers. Trophies to first 3 over age 40 finishers. Plaques to First 6 RRCA Northern Region finishers (states of Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Dhio, Wisconsin and Missouri).						
COURSE RECORD:	1:44:30, Rick Katz, December 7, 1974, MVAAU Record: same						
In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs and assignees, waive any and all claims to damages which I might have against the Missouri Valley AAU, the AAU of the United States, the City of Columbia, Missouri, or the Columbia Track Club for all injuries suffered by me at said race.							
Name	Birth Date						
AAU No.	Address						
City	State Zip						
Club or School							
If entrant is under 18 years of age, parents or guardian must sign below:							
Name							
Address							

By signing this entry blank, the entrant certifies that he is a registered athlete according to the rules of the AAU of the United States. This race is sanctioned by the Missouri Valley AAU and the RRCA.

Return to: Joe Duncan

4004 Defoe Drive Columbia, Mo. 65201